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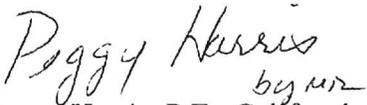
Dear Ms. Bodine:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the support of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) for the use of the Interim Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) Hazard Assessment (HA) (MEC-HA) Methodology.

ASTSWMO supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's) October 31, 2008, concurrence for the use of the Interim MEC-HA Methodology, and will assist the sponsoring organizations in evaluating the effectiveness of the methodology. ASTSWMO will also work closely with other agencies and associations while implementing the Interim MEC-HA Methodology in order to promote a consistent and collaborative approach to munition response site evaluations. ASTSWMO feels that the Interim MEC-HA Methodology, when used properly, is an exceptional tool to assist in munition response site evaluations and will advocate the methodology's use to all States and Territories.

If you should have any questions, need any additional assistance or information regarding this matter, please contact me at 916-324-7663 or Clarence L. Smith of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Chair of the ASTSWMO Federal Facilities Research Subcommittee at 217-524-1655.

Respectfully,


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